

I am against removal of the Amateur Radio Novice bands. These allocations provided a genuine service for new comers to the hobby.

By elimination, there appears to be an acknowledgement that the number of newcomers will diminish to zero. This is a false assumption. Although the amount of use in these band allocations is very limited today, that is not necessarily what the future portends.

There is a real need for a segment of the CW bands to be used for 'practice', a place for those with limited CW experience to go and not feel intimidated.

Newcomers will not feel comfortable in the General class portion of the bands.

I recommend that the Novice bands not be eliminated, but, be reduced to 25 kHz on the 80, 40, 15, and 10 meter bands, and be allocated at 100 kHz up the bottom of each CW band segment.

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